

Lon Berry Ewing (1948 – 1967)



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Lon Barry Ewing was born on Sunday, August 29, 1948 in Ohio. Ewing lived in the city of San Diego, CA, and was raised in Chula Vista. He was a 1967 Graduate of Chula Vista High School and member of the "City in Motion Recruit Platoon" during Boot Camp. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton E. Ewing of 288 Broadway, Chula Vista, his sister Teresa Kay and grandparents, Emil R Earter and Mrs. Blance Ewing. A street in the Sunbow Community of Chula Vista honors his name.

On Sunday, December 24, 1967, Ewing was deployed to the province of Quang Tri in Southern Vietnam. Ewing was ranked PFC an E3 in the United States Marine Corps. He was also with the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) code of 0311. However, on Sunday, May 19, 1968, Ewing's life was lost at the age of only 19. His death was due to an unknown explosive device (A1), also known as "ground casualty." This tragic incident occurred while he was engaged in road sweeping operations. His body was recovered. PFC Ewing had served less than a year in Vietnam.

Veteran's Day honors Lon Barry Ewing and all persons who have served in our country's armed forces, both in times of peace and times of war. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial has won a secure place in the hearts and minds of the American people. It has sent a clear message to all the veterans of the Vietnam War that their effort and their sacrifice are now understood and appreciated. He is buried at the Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery and his grave is located at Plot: Q 1088. He was buried on June 7, 1968. PFC Ewing's name appears on the Vietnam Wall at location 63East, Row 18. His name also appears on the San Diego Peace Memorial in Balboa Park. His name was also added to the Stardust Spacecraft in a NASA microchip as an outreach program. Further information can be found at: <http://stardust.jpl.nasa.gov/overview/microchip/faq.html>

